

BANK EXAMINERS REPORT BUSINESS ON THE UPGRADE

Maine Declared to Be Only State Where "Real Depression" Exists in the Entire Country.

WEST LEADS ALL THE REST

Eighty of Ninety Inspectors, in Statements to Treasury Bureau, Tell of Improvement.

MIZZOU RIVER VALE FINE

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Business conditions throughout the country are showing marked improvement in almost all lines, according to reports from national bank examiners, made public tonight by the Treasury department.

The results are announced to be the result of careful observation and supplemental to the regular reports on business conditions made each month to the controller of the currency.

Farm Conditions Good.

Pronounced hopefulness is prevalent in nearly every district, the announcement says. "Agricultural conditions are generally excellent, and commercial lines, with comparatively few exceptions, are enlarging their activities, mainly through an increased demand; but in some cases preparation for activity is expected to develop with the coming of good weather.

Has Been Stabilized.

The statement attributes depression to unusual conditions, but says that business has been stabilized through the application of economy.

"The south," it continues, "is showing marked improvement. The sale of cotton is active at advancing prices, with the result that all business in that section is feeling a steady and pronounced improvement.

"The western states and the Pacific states are showing a general improvement. The lumber industry is slowly recovering in these states, and the number of tourists exceeds expectations. Mining is resuming on a larger scale and the crop conditions are excellent.

"The New England and middle Atlantic states and portions of the central west, although generally reporting an improvement, seem to feel the past depression to the greatest extent.

Manufacturing Hit.

"Farmers, however, generally have had satisfactory results; but manufacturing, with the exception of that in foreign orders, is feeling the improvement to the least extent. There is improvement, however, in most lines. The bond market has become active on a higher level. Savings banks deposits are increasing and generally banks have an abundance of money. The tendency has been for all to curtail needless expense and as a rule there is a lessened demand for money.

"The reports from New York and other large cities show the trend of business conditions, outside of farming communities.

New York: There has been no time in the last three years that merchants and manufacturers were such small borrowers, indicating that there is present capital is sufficient for their needs and that borrowing has been reduced to a minimum.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Cloudy.

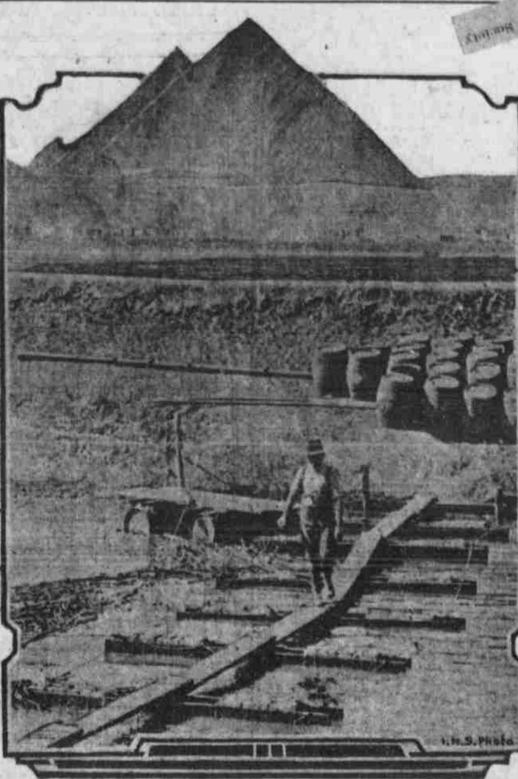
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Comparative Local Record. 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900.

Temperatures and precipitation departures from the normal. Normal temperature, 47. Excess for the day, 1. Total deficiency since March 1, 1.91 inches.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High-Low. Omaha, cloudy, 48-54. Davenport, cloudy, 48-54. Des Moines, cloudy, 48-54.

WHERE FORTY CENTURIES LOOK DOWN—Bridge building by the Australians under the shadow of the Pyramids in Egypt.



JOSLYN BUYS THE SCHLITZ CORNER

Pays \$600,000 to Union Securities Co. for an Investment—Second Lot in This Block.

THIRD DEAL IN SAME BLOCK

George A. Joslyn has bought the Schlitz corner from the Union Securities company for \$600,000, the deal having been practically closed Wednesday, when Mr. Joslyn paid \$100,000 of the purchase money pending the examination of the abstract of title.

Value Rises 75c.

D. V. Shotes states that in 1915 he sold this same corner to E. S. Rowley, now Los Angeles, Cal., for \$350,000. The property at that time was owned by A. D. Jones, the first postmaster of Omaha, and the man who surveyed and staked the original city of Omaha. At that time there was a suit pending in the Nebraska supreme court affecting the title to the property, and the attorney for Mr. Rowley advised against the purchase of the property at the deal held through. Within about sixty days after that the suit was settled and the Schlitz Brewing company bought the property for \$350,000. The property was held by them until it was sold a few months ago to the Union Securities company for the first National bank.

Sultan Orders Out All Men Capable of Bearing Arms

LONDON, April 8.—An order promulgated today by the sultan of Turkey authorizes the minister of war to call out all men capable of bearing arms, but who heretofore were not liable for service, inclusive of the ages of 19 and 20, for the defense of the Turkish coast and frontiers and the maintenance of order. The ministry also is given power to enroll for military service all immigrants for the duration of mobilization. This information was contained in a dispatch received today by Reuter's telegram company from Constantinople.

Conferees Balk Over Extension of Terms

From a Staff Correspondent. LINCOLN, April 8.—(Special Telegram.) House and senate conference committees have been unable to agree on the bill to extend the terms of county officers two years, so that all officers may be elected in 1918 for a four-year term.

GERMANY WILL PAY FOR FRYE AND ITS CARGO

Berlin Government Assumes Liability for Destruction of Ship by Raider in South Atlantic.

EITEL CHIEF IS BLAMELESS Government Holds Commander Acted Within Principles of International Law.

WHEAT ABOARD CONTRABAND

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The German government has replied to the claim of the State department for compensation for the sinking of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich of the American ship William P. Frye, assuming liability not only for the destruction of the vessel, but of the cargo, under the treaty of 1828. Germany requires, however, that the case shall be taken before a prize court for the establishment of facts concerning ownership of the ship and cargo. To this the State department will assent.

The German Reply.

The reply was handed by the foreign office at Berlin to Ambassador Gerard, who called it today to the State department. It follows: "The undersigned has the honor to make reply to the note of his excellency, Mr. James W. Gerard, ambassador of the United States of America, dated third instant, foreign office, No. 292, relative to claims for damages for the sinking of the American merchant vessel William P. Frye by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

"According to the reports which have reached the German government the commander of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich stopped the William P. Frye on the high seas January 27, 1915, and searched it. He found on board a cargo of wheat consigned to Queenstown, Falmouth or Plymouth, to order. After he had first tried to remove the cargo from the William P. Frye, he took the ship's papers and its crew on board and sank the ship.

Acted Within Rights.

"It results from these facts that the German commander acted quite within the principles of international law as laid down in the declaration of London and the German prize ordinance. The ports of Queenstown, Falmouth and Plymouth, whether the ship visited was bound, are wholly fortified English coast places, which, moreover, serve as base for the British naval forces. The cargo of wheat being foodstuffs, was conditional contraband within the meaning of article 24, No. 1, of the declaration of London and article 23, No. 1, of the German prize ordinance, was therefore to be considered as destined for the armed forces of the enemy, pursuant to articles 23 and 24 of (Continued on Page Five, Column Three.)

Prinz Eitel Ordered To the Navy Yard

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Secretary Daniels today gave formal orders to Rear Admiral Beatty, commanding the Norfolk navy yard, to take the Prinz Eitel Friedrich to the navy yard for internment. Admiral Beatty will determine to what extent the ship will be dismantled to prevent any attempt to leave port. NEWPORT NEWS, April 8.—Early today Commander Hamilton formally notified Commander Thierhens by letter announcing his determination to intern the German raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, and instructed him to keep the ship at its anchorage until naval officials form plans for its removal and internment at the Norfolk navy yard.

Iowa House Kills Malt Liquor Bill

DES MOINES, Ia., April 8.—The Iowa house today refused by a vote of 46 to 24 to permit Iowa brewers to manufacture or sell malt beverages, either for consumption in the state or outside after January 1 next. The decision was regarded as final by "dry" leaders who were in absolute control of the situation.

Italy Army Staff Very Anti-Austrian

CHIASO, Switzerland, April 8.—(Via Paris)—Colonel Montanari has been appointed secretary to Lieutenant General Count Cadorna, chief of the Italian general staff. Italian newspapers, in discussing this appointment, say the Italian general staff is decidedly anti-Austrian. Colonel Montanari is well known for his thorough knowledge of the mountain passes in the Austrian territory near the Italian frontier. Count Cadorna still wears the watch which his grandfather owned when he was hanged by the Austrians. General Porro, whose appointment as under-chief of the general staff was announced recently, is known for his military tendencies. When Premier Salandra formed his cabinet, General Porro declined the portfolio of minister of war, because of an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for military expenses, in addition to the ordinary war budget, was refused him.

British Trawler is Blown Up in North Sea

LONDON, March 8.—The Grimsby trawler, Zarina, was blown up in the North sea today. It is feared that the mine men on the trawler were either killed by the explosion or drowned. It is unknown whether the Zarina was destroyed by a mine or submarine.

Italy Refuses to Permit German Mission to Travel Into Abyssinia

ROME (Via Paris), April 8.—The members of the German mission who made an unsuccessful attempt to penetrate to Addis Ababa to communicate with the German minister to Abyssinia have just arrived in Rome on their way home. Italy did not permit their passage through Eritrea, but undertook to see that mail for the minister would go forward in due course. The members of the mission had a series of remarkable experiences, which included twenty-three days on the Red Sea in a native boat; an encounter with a French cruiser which almost resulted in their capture, and persistent, but futile effort to obtain permission to travel through the Italian coast country.

WESTERN NEW YORK TROLLEY MEN OUT

Traffic in Auburn Syracuse and Other Cities and on Interurban Lines Demoralized.

UNION DEMANDS RECOGNITION

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 8.—The strike of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Railway Employees, directed against the Empire United Railway Lines and affecting virtually the entire interurban system of Central and Western New York, is in effect today. As a result not a car was moving in the city of Auburn and the Auburn & Syracuse line was tied up, while other systems were more or less affected.

Refused Recognition.

The strike was called last night following the refusal of the company to recognize the association as the representative union body of its employees. Care on the Lake Erie & Oswego division were still running today, but a deputy sheriff rode on each car leaving the barns, while automobiles filled with policemen accompanied the cars to the city limits.

Rumor Germany Will Attack Holland Has No Confirmation

LONDON, April 8.—Rumors were current in London today of a declaration of hostilities between Germany and Holland. They were, however, absolutely without confirmation and dispatches from The Hague received late this afternoon ignored any such development. The minister of the Netherlands in London, when questioned, said he had heard rumors to this same effect. He had no information on the subject himself, but absolutely discredited the report. One of these rumors was that Germany had seized a strip of Dutch territory south of the Scheeldt river. Telegrams from Holland say that for several days the Germans have been strengthening their guard along the Dutch frontier.

Bethlehem Steel Rises and Falls in Sensational Style

NEW YORK, April 8.—The extraordinary gyrations of Bethlehem Steel furnished the sensational feature of today's stock market, its course strongly suggesting a "corner." The stock opened at an advance over the previous day and by noon it had attained a new high record of 99.

Sunday Free Movie Coupon

By special arrangement with eight of the best high class moving picture theaters in Omaha and suburbs, The Bee is able to give its readers the exceptional privilege of a free ticket for certain performances. The only condition is that the coupon be cut out and presented at the box office when buying a regular ticket.

The Sunday Bee Best of All

ASSISTANT to manager of small "Wholesale" houses; must be stenographer and bookkeeper; prefer man with general house store experience, 25 to 35 years age; state salary wanted. For further information about this opportunity, see the West Ad section of The Bee today.

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The Day's War News

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In proposing the prohibition of the sale of spirits and possibly wine, and lessening the strength of beer, Great Britain would be following in the footsteps of Russia, which before the adoption of total prohibition forbade the manufacture or use of spirits.

Scotch May Block Movement. Even the prohibition of traffic in spirits is not likely to be adopted without considerable opposition from the vested interests. The influence of the party favoring voluntary abstinence is growing. Its most recruits include the heads of various churches, who have signed a pledge to abstain from intoxicating liquors during the war.

Opposition to the suppression of the use of spirits is in some degree accentuated since Scotland consumes per capita three times as much spirits as England and half again as much as Ireland. Scottish opposition, if solid, might easily cause the defeat of the measure.

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WRECKS RUSSIAN PLANE BY DROPPING BOMBS FROM ON HIGH

BERLIN, April 8.—(By Wireless to Stavillo)—An account of an extraordinary feat was given out today by the Overseas News agency which says that its information was received from Budapest. It concerns an encounter between one Austrian and three Russian aeroplanes. The account is to the following effect: "The Austrian aeroplane succeeded in mounting above its adversaries and dropping a bomb which struck one of the Russian aeroplanes. The Russian machine plunged 1,500 yards to earth. The atmospheric disturbance caused by the fall of the aeroplane upset the other two Russian machines causing them both to whirl down to earth. "The Overseas News agency quotes the Neue Zurichche Zeitung as saying that French aviators during a nocturnal flight over Strassburg dropped bombs which fell in a prison camp in which were confined 500 French soldiers, wounding five of them severely."

Ocean Liner Held Up Because Passenger is Ill of Smallpox

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 8.—F. Ingersoll, a first-class passenger from Minneapolis, is ill aboard the steamer Northern Pacific. Quarantine officials discovered upon the liner's arrival here today from Philadelphia after a record trip of twelve days, eight hours. The vessel may be released from quarantine tomorrow.

Others of the 27 first-class passengers were allowed to land, a few at a time, after examination. About a dozen were vaccinated. J. J. Fitzgerald of Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman of the house appropriation committee, at the last minute was allowed ashore.

Women Are Killed by Bombs Dropped from Austrian Plane

PARIS, April 8.—Twelve women and children were killed and forty-eight others injured by bombs dropped by Austrian aviators in the market place at Podgoritz, Montenegro, yesterday afternoon, according to a Cetinje dispatch from the Havas Agency. Many buildings were destroyed by the missiles, seven of which were dropped from the aeroplane.

Can Play Golf, but Too Ill to Testify

CHICAGO, April 8.—Federal agents were instructed to investigate the illness which prevented John F. Runnels, president of the Pullman company, and Robert T. Lincoln, chairman of the board of directors of that concern, from coming to Chicago to testify. This was announced by Chairman Walsh of the federal Industrial Relations commission before whom they were to appear. "I understand that Mr. Lincoln had been playing golf in Washington," said Mr. Walsh. "If he is strong enough to do that he is strong enough to come here."

Tries to Murder Sultan of Egypt

LONDON, April 8.—An attempt was made at 5 o'clock this afternoon to assassinate the sultan of Egypt, Hussein Kemal, according to a Reuter dispatch from Cairo. As the sultan was leaving Abdin palace a native fired a shot at him. This was a mistake and the native was immediately seized.

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Big Business Needs Big Men

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